

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 802

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Stephen R. Lesnak on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Lesnak is one such estimable person who has served the good people of Clarksville and Montgomery County with distinction for many years as Director of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library; and

WHEREAS, since February 2000, Mr. Lesnak has held the post of Director of the Clarksville-Montgomery County and will be taking a much deserved retirement on February 26, 2010, after ten years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Lesnak received his Master of Library Science degree from Peabody-Vanderbilt University in 1969 and later served as Director of Branch Libraries in Rochester, New York, from 1977 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in his profession, Mr. Lesnak is a forty-year member of the American Library Association and has been a member of the Tennessee Library Association for ten years; and

WHEREAS, sharing his professional expertise and passion for books, Mr. Lesnak was a founding member of the Montgomery County Imagination Library/Governor's Books from Birth Program where he is also a current board member; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of learning to read at any age, Stephen Lesnak is also a former chairman and current member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Adult Literacy Council; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Lesnak is an active and important part of the Clarksville community, he is a former president and ten-year member of the Clarksville Civitan Club and has been a member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Foundation for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Lesnak exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Stephen Lesnak has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of Montgomery County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Stephen R. Lesnak our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.